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Connecticut General Assembly, 'Energy and Technology Committee,' February 28, 2008, 'Testimony of Roma Stibravy, 304 Silver Creek Lane, Norwalk, Ct. 06850, in Support of HB 5596 An Act Concerning the Right to Dry'

We on earth have been blessed with the power of the sun. Throughout the ages the sun was used to dry clothes, outdoors, on a clothesline.

I find nothing as beautiful as the family wash floating in the breeze.

The clothes smell so fresh, and the materials and shapes of clothes are best preserved through this natural process.

Then came electric, and gas, clothes dryers!

Suddenly the world-wide, global, time-honored tradition of drying clothes with the help of nature was old-fashioned, outmoded!!

There are even regulations in town, condominium and PUD By-Laws prohibiting the practice of drying clothes outdoors.

Aside from the right of using our god-given natural elements which is being denied, is the complete lack of morals and ethics concerning the use of increasingly expensive, mostly imported, fossil fuels and the consequences for global warming and American security.

Let us return to our Norman Rockwell days, and conjure up a picture of Grandma with her apron and white hair piled high hanging up the family wash.

Oh for the good old days.